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Subject: Establishment of Marys Peak Stewardship Area

To: Forest Supervisor, Siuslaw NF

In response to your letter dated August 30, 2007, Marys Peak project is approved as a stewardship area. Projects in the basin using stewardship authorities must be in compliance with Section 323 of Public Law 108-7 (16 U.S.C. 2104 Note), and all handbook direction and requirements, as amended and supplemented, national and Regional interpretations of handbook requirements, Region 6 Stewardship User Guide, and letter direction issued related to stewardship contracting.

The Forest is to complete a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as a prerequisite to joint agency projects. The document is to include at least details related to determining the lead agency on each project, identifying the Contracting Officer, selection of contract type and use, and tracking of receipts.

In the use of stewardship authorities, the Forest is to assure compliance with the following requirements:

Each work activity has a restoration objective and meets the land management objectives of the Siuslaw Forest Plan. Required NEPA processes are completed. Monitoring implementation of approved projects is strongly encouraged to assure restoration objectives are met.

Collaboration is required for all projects and is to be open, inclusive, and transparent in the use of stewardship authorities. The Forest can initiate a collaborative group if one does not exist made up of all interested parties, including timber industry and service/construction contractors. The Forest provides information and data to the group, is a non-voting member, and does not chair or direct the group. The group provides recommendations to the decision maker. Taking groups to tour the project site, soliciting comments, scoping, consulting interest groups and citizens, or employing usual methods of public involvement, does not meet the requirement of collaboration. The Forest needs to assure collaboration is ongoing through the life of the project.

Award of all contracts/agreements related to approved stewardship projects are to be on a best value basis. Follow best value procedures described in the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

The Forest is to fully complete the most current version of the Stewardship Contracting Proposal Form for restoration work activities inside the Marys Peak Stewardship Area submitted to the Regional Office for approval as stewardship projects, or for the use of retained receipts on proposed Wyden Amendment projects.

Please contact Michael Daugherty at 503-808-2519 and Peggy Kain at 503-808-2662 if you have any questions.

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